

Community News

American Red Cross - Community Blood Drive Elba, Alabama - July 14th

The American Red Cross will have an Elba Community Blood Drive on Friday, July 14, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Elba Parks and Recreation Center, 764 Claxton Street. Donors are asked to bring ID with their birth date or Social Security number. There is a critical need for blood donations.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS... The National Security Group, Inc. recently served as the host of "Business After Hours," which was sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Business After Hours" is a social gathering for local business leaders and citizens to discuss things going on in town and the surrounding area. This most recent gathering was very successful with more than 30 business leaders and citizens attending. National Security officials and local beauty queens greeted the guests as they arrived at the conference center on the National Security complex. Pictured above are National Security officials, Eddie Vaughan, Betty Brunson and Jack E. Brinson, and Future Little Miss Elba Katelyn Hutto, Miss Zion Chapel Kayla Eddins and Jr. Miss Zion Chapel Whitney Stephens.

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July 29th, from 10a.m. to 3 p.m.

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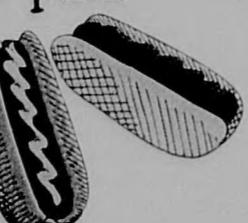
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refrigeration service agency to come and repair the problems at the jail.

Commissioner Robert Stephens asked the sheriff if there were any problems with the doors, locks, etc. The sheriff response was, "Not that have been reported to me - No sir."

Finally, the commission approved the relocating of the end of Co. Rd. 551 (approximately 500 to 600 feet) at the request of Commissioner Stephens and the suggestion of County Engineer Tindel. The road is dirt.

Stephens also made a motion that the commission rescind its action in the last meeting that called for the recording and the documentation of the commission's work sessions. He expressed his concerns about making records of the meetings noting that it could result in even

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more lawsuits. "We're just asking for trouble for the county to get sued and cost the taxpayers lots of money," he said.

It was duly noted that all these meetings (work sessions), including budget hearings, are open to the public and are even sometimes attended by members of the media; however, no official action can be taken except in the scheduled monthly meetings of the commission.

Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Ernest Brooks, Kovo Lewis and Robert Stephens voted to rescind the previous action while Commissioners Doug Dalmryple, Tom Grimsley, and Len Averett opposed it. Any commissioner, or anyone else, will be able to record the meeting with a personal tape recorder should they wish to do so.

Homecoming and Revival Services planned at Goshen First Baptist Church

Homecoming and Revival Services of the Goshen First Baptist Church will be Sunday, July 16, through Friday, July 21. Homecoming Hour will be 2 p.m. on Sunday. Revival services will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited to attend.

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County classrooms ready for students

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held a special called meeting (from the last session) last Friday for the expressed purpose of amending the 2000 budget and approving additional resource changes for the upcoming school year. The meeting lasting about thirty minutes was held at noon at the Central Office.

Superintendent Rodger Bowden in reviewing the changes in the budget commented that it has to be in the State Board of Education Office on or before July 15.

He told board members that the major reason for the need to amend the budget were as follows: the salary increases and benefits that were approved by the state legislature this past year; the legal fees because of a special ed case fast year and in dealing with the unitary status matter; the increase in fuel prices; an increase in capital out-lay expenditures (wiring for computer systems & architectural fees); and additional miscellaneous expenses (refurbishing of buildings).

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"I want to look at some things," he said. "We need a library at Zion Chapel for the elementary school."

The superintendent reported that

he, along with a state inspector, an architect representative, and the construction foreman, went to the construction sites at Zion Chapel and New Brockton on Wednesday afternoon spending a short time in executive session approximately 15 minutes - the board reconvened in open session taking no action on whatever was discussed behind closed doors.

Before adjourning, the board, at the recommendation of Supt. Bowden, unanimously approved the following personnel changes, Zion Chapel High School:

Professional: voluntary transfer of June Coalter from 6th grade at ZC to 6th grade at NBE; Employed Mark Cook - head girls basketball Coach; Charles Edwards - 6th grade teacher for K-12; and a part-time football and junior high basketball coach; Lisa Smith - assistant softball coach and senior varsity cheerleader sponsor; Wanda Corley - special education teacher; and voluntary transfer of Vern Mozoo - spec ed to 6th grade teacher.

Support: accepted Corky Richards' resignation - school custodian and employed Dennis Shuman as same.

New Brockton Elementary School:

Professional: voluntary transfer of Mi Kim; voluntary transfer of Ella Burrows for 6th grade teacher to migrant recruiter; employed Leigh Anne Richburg - spec ed teacher and Linda

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we need a bandroom for the elementary school at New Brockton...as long as we don't use them for classrooms we can use them for other things. So, I don't think we need to get rid of them yet."

An initial "punch list" was done at each site and the final inspection for New Brockton was set for Wednesday, July 19, and at Zion Chapel on the following day, Thursday (TODAY) July 20.

Bowden said the staff plans to begin moving into the new facilities as soon as the inspections are completed which means the buildings will be occupied one week before the beginning of school. The equipment and supplies will be moved over to the portable classrooms will be utilized in the new classrooms.

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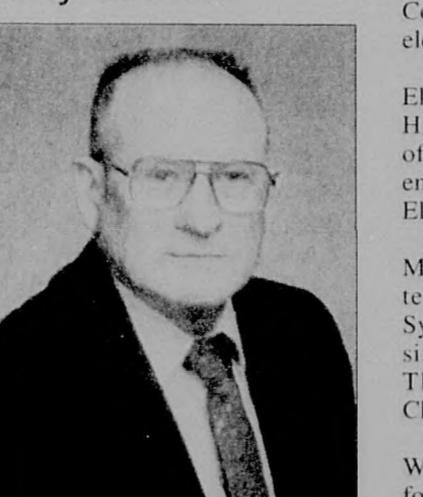
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H. H. (Junior) Culver announced this week his candidacy for the position of council person for District 3 of the Elba City Council after qualifying for the upcoming municipal election.

Culver is a lifelong resident of Elba and a graduate of Elba High School. He served in the U.S. Army in the Western Pacific during World War II. He retired from Dorsey Trailers of Elba after 43 years of service.

Junior is married to the former Grace Crocker. They have been married for more than 54 years and are the parents of two children, Ronald Keith Culver and Hilda Ann (Culver) Allen. They also have three grandchildren.

"My concern as a citizen of Elba includes the prosperity and growth of the city, as well as, the wellbeing of all the citizens of the City of Elba," said Culver. "I look

forward to working with the mayor and city council in regards to these concerns if elected to the city council in District 3."

Max Davis qualifies to run in District 4 race for city council

Max Davis announced this week his candidacy for Elba City Council - District 4 after qualifying for the upcoming municipal elections for the City of Elba.

Davis is a graduate of Troy State University and has a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and business. He is employed with W. L. Petrey Wholesale in Montgomery.

Max is married to the former Vanessa Newell of Elba. They have two sons, Brad and Jason.

Davis said he looks forward to working with the citizens of District 4, as well as all the citizens of Elba. He said he would like to see the levee rebuild project become a reality because he believes it would give people confidence to open businesses in the downtown area and hopefully fill up the square again.

"This is my hometown, and I am very proud to be a part of Elba," said Davis. "I believe now is the

time for the citizens of Elba to pull together and prepare for growth and success in our business and industry. If elected, I will be readily available to the citizens of District 4."

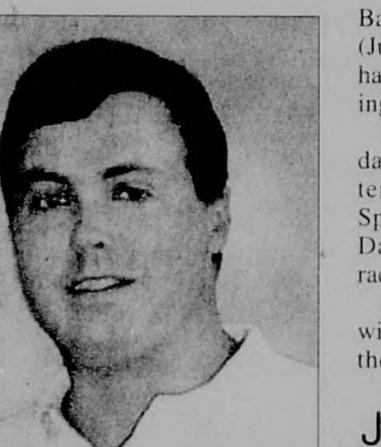
Area Happenings

EES KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will be ongoing throughout the summer. School officials will be available to register students Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. from the tenth of August until school starts. At the time of registration, the school will need a copy of the student's birth certificate, social security card, and an Alabama immunization record. Students planning to attend kindergarten for the 2000-2001 school year should be registered prior to Kindergarten Jumprast which will be held on July 31 and Aug. 1. The 2000-2001 school year will officially begin on Aug. 4 which will be a half-day of school. Elba Elementary School students will be released at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 4.

EHS BACK-TO-SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The schedule for Elba High School will pick up schedules, parking permits and rent tickets for the coming school year. Seniors, Tuesday, July 25 - Juniors, Wednesday, July 26 - Sophomores, Thursday, July 27 - 8th Grade, 7th Grade Orientation will be Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. They will also have an opportunity to visit their classrooms. Lockers will be \$5 and parking permits will be \$5 for the 2000-2001 school year. Paid lunches are \$1.50 per day w/ ticket or paid in the lunchroom. Students and parents will meet in the auditorium at 7:45 a.m. for a brief assembly program. Following the assembly program, students will attend an abbreviated class schedule. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Students are reminded that all book bags must be clearly transparent or made of a mesh material that is 1/2 inch open mesh or larger. Students who drive must register their vehicle in the school office. Students are also reminded of the dress code as outlined in the students handbook. Office hours for the week of July 24-27 will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Gappa Wise

and the city officials to make that happen."

Jackie Farmer declares candidacy in District 1 Elba City Council race

Jackie Farmer filed qualifying papers on Tuesday to seek the council seat in District 1.

In doing so, he stated that he wanted to work to make Elba an even better place to live. Farmer said, "I have lived in other states and cities in Alabama, and I can truthfully say that Elba is home to good people who care about each other. I would like to give back to this community."

He is a native of Elba and graduated from Elba High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from Alabama College, a Masters of Arts in management from Central Michigan University and a Masters of Science in counseling and psychology from Troy State University.

The eight year veteran of the U.S. Air Force has been employed with the State of Alabama for the last 13 years and is an adjunct faculty member with Troy State University in Dothan. In the past, he has been involved in programs with the Elba Chamber of Commerce including executive director. He and his family have operated the Elba Bait Shop for the past 40 years.

Farmer lives with his wife, Kathy, and two sons, J.J. and Jonathon, on Taylor Mill Road and is the son of Alvis and Doris Farmer.

Farmer said that some of his more important concerns were the levee improvement project, the creation of additional parks and recreation facilities within the city, strict

and newcomers Bufus Tillis, Jr. and Bob Hahn.

Town of New Brockton

The following individuals have qualified to run in the municipal election: Mayor, Britt Lee (incumbent); and Charles L. Dix, Jr.; Johnnie F. Herron and Jason Williams; District #2, Roger Harrison (incumbent); District 3, Linda Gilbert (incumbent); Cal Donna Howard, and Joseph "Jody" Stuckey; District 4, Ricky Strickland (incumbent); and District #5, Ron McMonagle (incumbent).

Town of Kinston

Persons seeking election to the office of mayor or council person in the Town of Kinston include: Mayor, Harold K. Martin, Jr. (incumbent); and John K. Bryan, Jr. (incumbent); and Jim M. Williams (incumbent); Tim Williams, Tom G. Hooks, Jackie Farmer and Walter Hardwick. Also qualifying for this seat is L. M. Burch, who has run for this before.

There are two candidates qualified in District #2; both are political newcomers: David Bandstra and Gappa Wise.

In District #3: Incumbent Harold Bannon is seeking re-election; H. L. (Junior) Culver, another newcomer, has entered the race, too. Qualifying in Elba is Earl McGough.

District #4 has drawn four candidates: the incumbent, Bobby R. Anderson (incumbent) and Tonya W. Rabren; District #2: Kenneth D. Seay (incumbent); Priscilla R. Hall and Tina White (unopposed); District 5: Viola J. Shaffer and Charles Eric Powell.

In District #5: three candidates will vie for this seat on the council: the incumbent, Ronnie Hammond.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Last week we received another of the millions of jokes and/or "good stories" that flood the internet these days. This one deals with cell phones, their use and misuse. It listed ten coming improvements to look for in these take everywhere contraptions. The one that hit home with us the most was not anything about drivers having wrecks or anything, but it predicted a system that would zap a couple seconds of electrical shock to people who use the cell phone (usually loudly) in restaurants and/or movie theaters. More and more there are complaints about clods who interrupt meetings, meals, movies, etc., with not only the ringing phone in their pocket, but with the ensuing very vocal conversations which follow. A number of experts indicate these folks think it makes them seem important, when in most cases, they are just classified by those around them as... a clod. Hopefully the two seconds of electrical shock will become more than just a joke and will cut down on some of these rude abusers of the electronic age.

The deadline for qualifying in the municipal elections passed at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and interest perked up a bit in Elba in the last few days. A total of 19 candidates qualified across the board; giving each and every office from two to four candidates to ensure competition for all.

All our life we here that keeping the mouth shut and eyes and ears open will put a person in the position of learning something new. Well, a couple of months ago we were doing just that in church when... a message for and to the children taught the old man something new! What would be described as a science lab experiment was used as a visible comparison to make a religious point. Mixing one very common dark colored chemical with a dark colored one, made the mixture clear as a bell! That simple experiment was something we had missed completely in our world travels and was interesting! It does pay to look and listen, even in children's church time!

Oh, how true it is that the more things change, the more they remain the same. As a teenage boy, my theory was that fat folks were the happiest folks. Well for the past 30 or 40 years all the experts have touted the benefits of being thin... they have said it enough that most of us believe them. Now, this week a number of publications are printing AP story quoting some expert who is now back to the theory that fat folks are the happiest. Now this guy may be the only expert in the world who believes that but he puts up a good argument. He says that back in our hunter-gather days, the thin man (or woman) was hungry, thus was hunting and unhappy. The person with plenty of food was fat and contented, thus he was the happy person. Let that soak in until tomorrow and someone else will issue a fire and brimstone delinquent of the theory and we will all be back where we started... confused.

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Political candidates in municipal races
wishing to make their news announcement
in The Elba Clipper should do so on or
before NOON on TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, The
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announcements

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 10, 2000 through July 16, 2000. They were: Ida Mauldin, Travis Price, Terry Griggs, Mary Ware, Mable Lawless, Omnia Jacobs, Winnie James, Gregory Wright, Brenda Moore, Annie Mae Johnson, Tierney Foushee, Neil Clemons and Ernest Ellison.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Frances Bryan, Renee Parrish, Anna Daniels, Elizabeth Ware, Elizabeth Williams, Onnie Jacobs, James Smith, Greg Wright, Mable Lawless, Omnia Jacobs, Winnie James, Gregory Wright, Brenda Moore, Annie Mae Johnson, Tierney Foushee, Neil Clemons and Ernest Ellison.

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Marriage, Taxes and the American Family
by U.S. Representative Bob Rile, 3rd District - Alabama

In parts of Alabama, nearly 70 percent of all babies are born without married parents. In 1998, the most recent year numbers are available from the State Health Department, about 21,000 marriages ended in divorce that same year, leaving even more children without married parents. How can Alabama succeed with those numbers? Families shattered; sons and daughters growing up in homes without both parents.

It's absolutely exhausting to think about the up-hill battle we must

face to bring those numbers down to a point when every child has living parents living under the same roof. But reading statistics like that can do one of two things: they can provide a mountain of discouragement or a fountain of motivation. I choose the latter. I choose to fight, every step of the way, until we reclaim the American family for our children and grandchildren.

There are many problems facing families today, and therefore many solutions need to be implemented. The American family has suffered for decades from besieged by a poor educational system, a lack of respect for family values, and parental responsibility and an apparent disregard of the sacred bond of holy matrimony. It's even gone so far that the federal government penalizes married couples by making them pay higher taxes than if they were just single and living together. For example, if two single people make \$30,000 per year apiece, then they each pay about \$3,000 in federal taxes for a combined burden of \$6,000. However, if the couple got married, they pay a combined tax of \$8,400 - a \$2,400 yearly penalty for doing the right thing.

How can we as a nation begin to seriously encourage marriage when

the Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 10, 2000, investigated the following incidents: four muggings, two burglaries, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of marijuana, four harassments, one stolen property, one receiving stolen property, two criminal mischiefs, one assault, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, two DUIs, one disorderly conduct, one public intoxication, and one resisting arrest.

The following arrests were made: one for marijuana, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of a controlled substance, three cases of prostitution, three cases of disorderly conduct, two for public intoxication, two for resisting arrest, and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eighteen for violation of the set bell law, fifteen for speeding, one for no driver's license, two for no insurance, four for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for driving while driver's license are revoked, three for violation of the child restraint law, four for an expired tag, four for driver's license not in possession, two for reckless driving, one for DUI, one for improper passing, one for no tag displayed, and one for no tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 10: Disturbance at Kendrik Apartments (12:45 a.m.); Prowler reported on Caroline Street (1:51 a.m.); River stage - 1.95 (6:13 a.m.); Burglary reported on Stoumenie Street (1:46 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 11: River stage - 1.93 feet (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Al Hwy. 125N (11:46 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Edgewood Drive (6:10 a.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Barbecue (10:27 a.m.); Burglary reported on Stoumenie Street (1:46 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12: River stage - 1.93 feet (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Al Hwy. 125N (11:46 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Edgewood Drive (6:10 a.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Barbecue (10:27 a.m.); Burglary reported on Stoumenie Street (1:46 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 13: River stage - 1.93 feet (6:59 a.m.); Alarm at Fred's (8:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (9:12 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

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ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6 p.m. City Hall.

ELBA CITY ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6-6 p.m. - City Hall.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church, 101 Hwy. 111, on W. Davis St.; Magar Garrett Classroom.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex - Non-Breakfast.

LIQUOR CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - City Hall.

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thur. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. 7 p.m. - Legion Hall.

MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.

DAIRY BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Hall - High School.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 a.m. & 12:30 - 4:30 New Building @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Clubhouse.

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LIFESTYLES

NEW ARRIVAL

REGAN AUSTIN DANNER



Kirkland – Green wedding held Saturday, February 26

Christina Ann Green and Joel Wayne Kirkland were united in marriage Saturday, February 26, 2000, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Sorrell Chapel of Troy with the Rev. Robert Kirkland, father of the groom, officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green of Wilkinstown and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkland of Chatom.

Mr. Jeremy Beck of New York provided a program of wedding music on piano. Vocal selections included "The Lord's Prayer" and "Give God All You've Got."

White rose bushes lined the pathway leading to the entrance of the church. Wreaths of greenery and tulips adorned the exterior doors. The registry table, draped in a white batiste tablecloth, held a single rose in a vase, plumeria and the bride's bouquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Parrish to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

You are invited to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Parrish on Sunday, July 23, from 2:30 p.m. at the Moseley Photography Studio, 401 East Davis Street, Elba.

No gifts please.

The reception was held at the Arboretum on the campus of Troy State University. Lighted ficus trees and a portrait of the bride placed near the entrance of the entryway. A large arrangement of a white column served as the centerpiece for the buffet table. Iced gulf shrimp, smoke sausages, spinach dip, fruit and vegetable trays and tortilla pinwheels were served among other appetizers.

The bride's table held a three tiered wedding cake embellished with white icing, pearls and white roses. The groom's table held a two tiered chocolate cake with basket weave icing topped with fresh grapes and other fruits. The flowing silver gown allowed guests to serve themselves to punch.

Reception servers were Shannon B. Jackson, Beverly Hudson, Sami Ann Phillips, Brundidge; and Wyndi Ragsdale, Brundidge.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Donald Green. She wore a lovely satin organza gown with hand beaded design extending to the chapel train. Her short veil fell from a beaded headpiece. Her bouquet was composed of two dozen white roses bound by white ribbon.

Serving as maid of honor was Laura Brown, Troy, bride's best friend. Parents of the bride were Kim Williams, Ozark; Emily Alford, Panama City, Fla.; Stephanie Nelson, Birmingham, and Stephanie Reeves, Enterprise, friends of the bride. They wore floor length black gowns with chiffon draping in back and each wore teardrop pearl earrings, a gift from the bride. Their bouquets were white roses bound with white ribbon. Madison Bedsole, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a tea length white dress adorned with tiny rosebuds and embellished with baby white pearls. Madison carried an ivory tapestry covered basket filled with rose petals.

The groom was attired in an elegant black tuxedo, accented with a white vest and tie. Groomsmen wore the same attire with matching black vest and tie, and each wore a single white rose boutonniere.

Rob Kirkland of Wetumpka was his brother's best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Aaron Kirkland of Troy, brother of the groom; Tommy Young, Elba; Hunter Hudson, Sam; and Kevin Bryan, Troy, friends of the groom.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Judy Crowley of Enterprise and was coordinated by Mrs. Shan-

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NEW ARRIVAL

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Ben has two older brothers, John and Fox. He is the grandson of the late Jean Rouselle and Fox Brunson Jr. of Mobile. His great-grandparents are the late Fox and Mary Bailey Brunson of Elba.

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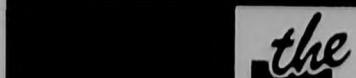


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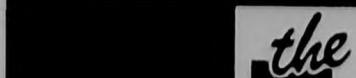


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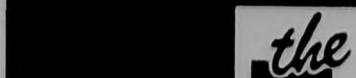


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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family spent the weekend at the state softball tournament, and Melanie got back in the mood to swim as she ignored the heat in her fourth swimming suit of the summer, and after her team was eliminated even got the chance to swim in her ball suit. The weather and the water was hot, but she took advantage of the situation to get all wet, once again.

CHECKING OUT THE WEEK IN SPORTS...

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation sent two teams to the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's "State Softball Tournament" last weekend, and both teams represented the city well as the 10 and Under All-Stars brought home the state championship and the 10 and Under girls had made history three weeks ago by winning the District 8 tournament and had to battle the heat and a very good Andalusia team to bring home the title. The All-Stars bounced back from the loss to clobber Andalusia 20-5 in the state championship game, and left little doubt to who was the best team in the division. The younger girls qualified for the state tournament by placing second at the regional tournament, but the teams players and parents really doubted if they had the skills needed to compete at the state level. They found out they did belong, as they earned two wins, including a 9-5, seven inning win over Piedmont. In the win over Piedmont, the girls blanked their opponents for four straight innings and brought the big Elba follow to their feet. Girls teams from Elba had placed in the top four at the state A.R.P.A. tournament a couple of times over the years, but this year was Elba's year to make some noise, as two teams made it to state, with one bringing home the state title, and the other bringing home a fourth place finish and loads of valuable experience. Good job girls!!

*** It has been a little funny to read about the war underway between Terry Bowden and Auburn University. The folks up on the plains were in love with Bowden just a few short years ago and gave him a huge house to live in, lots of charge, and two free cars to drive. He got to stay in the house after the university dumped Bowden mid-season two years ago, but now the Auburn people are doing the same to him. I am not a Terrell fan, but to me Auburn showed no class when it dumped him in mid-season, and is showing none now by trying to throw him out of the house they gave him. One thing is for certain, the Bowden chapter in the history of Auburn football will have a lot more action off the field than it did on the field.

*** In closing...the high school football season is only about six weeks away, and with the temperatures soaring above 100 every day, I just can't see anything putting on the pads and going through pre-season practice. The weather could change before the pads come on, but if it doesn't, the number of players out for football may be even less than expected. Can you even imagine sitting in the stands with the heat like it is now, not even playing ball??!

TELL'EM YOU READ IT IN...

THE PRESSBOX

For players ages 7-12

Youth football registration now underway in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that "Youth Football Registration" will continue through Friday, July 28, for boys participating in Midget, Pee Wee football leagues. Football registration will be held at this time due to the Tri-County Youth Football League being held at June 23, at the Elba Recreation Office located at 764 North Claxton Avenue, in Elba.

Cheerleader registration is now underway in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for cheerleaders for the Tri-County Youth Football League will continue through Friday, July 28. Cheerleader registration will be held at this time to help parents and sponsors order cheerleader uniforms and equipment for the seasons, and to insure the squads are prepared for the start of the season. The season will begin in September, and it is very important that everyone register first!

Girls ages 7-8 before August 1 will be placed in the Midget League, while boys ages 9-10

insure that all players receive properly fitted equipment. All players that have not participated in the league before are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate. For additional information call the Elba Recreation Department office at 897-6833.

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before August 1 will be in the Terrible League, and boys ages 11-12 before August 1 will compete in the Pee Wee League.

Other teams in the Tri-County Youth Football League include Opp, Andalusia, Red Level, Straughn, New Brockton and Florida.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Crows Can Be Hunted Year Round

Wing shooters yearning for dove season to open can jumpstart the season by warming up on one of our more challenging targets—the crow. The crow's curiosity can be used to the wing shooter's advantage, especially when it comes to crow calling. Calling is usually done with a mouth blown call or the electronic game caller, equipped with a tape or record that imitates crows fighting an owl or hawk.

Electronic callers are illegal to use deer, turkey, ducks, and other game animals, but are legal on crows in Alabama. In addition to a caller, you will need your favorite shotgun with No. 6 or 7/12 shot, full game clothing including a head net and gloves, and an owl or hawk decoy. With this equipment, you are ready to go crow hunting.

Conceal the decoy beneath the tree that decoy is in, then set up in a blind about 25 feet in front of the decoy. The sound crow will focus his attention on the spot where the call is coming from, giving you a split second more time to drop him. Old crow hunters insist that you must kill the first (scout) crow that comes over, or if unable to make a clean kill, remain hidden and do nothing to alert him that everything in not quite right.

The scout crow's failure to return to the flock makes the other crows think he has joined the "ruckus" and they take off to join the "fight".

The birds will dive and dart at the decoy, squawking loudly and adding a little entertainment for the incoming birds. Shooting can be extremely fast-paced as the birds dive on the decoy. Crows will usually make several passes at the decoy before retreating. This is the time to change from the "fight" to the "crow in distress" call. When the distress call is played at the decoy, the crows will usually return to the call, giving the hunters several more opportunities to drop them.

When the action is over in particular setup, pack your gear and move a mile or two into the home range of a new flock. Four or five setups can be made in a half-day of hunting. Permission to hunt crows is much easier to obtain than for game animals.

Crows can be hunted any time of the year, as there is no closed season, but good hunting ethics dictate that they not be hunted during the nesting season.

If you have never shot crows you will be in for quite a surprise when that will test even the best scattergunners skills.

If you want to polish up your shot gunning skills prior to dove season, dress to look like a duck, grab your gun and a crow call. Then get in a little pre-season practice on one of Alabama's most overlooked wing shooting opportunities.

Alabama Wildlife Federation meeting set for August 11-12 in Montgomery

The Alabama Wildlife Federation's 2000 annual meeting will take place August 11-12, 2000 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery. The two day event will be a time to recognize Alabama's outstanding conservationists, to participate in informative seminars regarding wildlife and wildlife management, and to witness the judging of the AWF Wild Game Cook-off State Finals.

The registration deadline for all Annual Meeting events is August 4, 2000. Interested parties may call 1-800-822-9453 to register by credit card or to obtain registration forms. Embassy Suites is offering a special rate of \$109, single or double, for all AWF Annual Meeting attendees.

Reservations should be made to the AWF Annual Meeting when making reservations. Deadline for this special meeting is July 25, 2000.

AWF is offering a special City Attractions tour option on Saturday for spouses interested in non-senior activities. Tour Segment 1 is from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and includes a tour and lunch at a historic home. Tour Segment 2, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., tour the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and the Shakespeare Festival Registration for one or both days is \$25.

The Alabama Wildlife Federation, established by sportsmen in 1935, is the state's oldest and largest citizens' conservation organization. The mission of the AWF, a 501c3 non-profit group supported by membership dues and donations, is to promote conservation and wise use of Alabama's wildlife and related natural resources as a basis for economic and social prosperity. To learn more about the AWF, including membership details, programs, and projects, call Alyssa Parker at 1-800-822-WILD or stop by online at www.alawild.org.

The Annual Meeting festivities close with the AWF Wild Game Cook-off State Finals on Saturday, August 12, 2000 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Cook-off is free and all registered banquet and seminar attendees. There will be free food and beverages, live entertainment and a silent auction.

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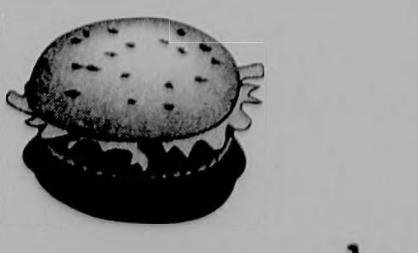
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SPORTS

STATE CHAMPS

Elba "16 and Under" Stars win Alabama Recreation and Parks Association state championship

The Elba "16 and Under" Girls 16 Stars competed in the 2000 Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Softball Tournament last weekend in Alexander City and capped off a record breaking season by bringing home the state championship.

The All-Stars claimed the city's first ever A.R.P.A. District championship three weeks ago, and added to their trophy case with the state tournament title.

The Elba All-Stars received a bye in the opening round after Alexander City withdrew from the tournament, then took the field Saturday afternoon and walked away late to claim a 9-4 victory over Haleville.

The All-Stars jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Melissa Mularz led off with a single and later scored on an RBI single by Rachel Bludsworth, then moved on top 2-1 in the third on an RBI double by Karla Huguley. Jamil Hall opened the fifth inning with a double and later scored on a RBI single by Melissa Mularz to grab the All-Stars back on top 3-2, and Elba then broke loose for three runs in

both the sixth and seventh innings to pull away for the win.

The sixth inning fireworks were sparked by a hitting string of Rachel Bludsworth, Kerri Griffin and Jamil Hall all got 2 hits to lead

the All-Stars to victory.

The All-Stars hit the field late

Sunday afternoon with the state

championship on the line and made quick work of Andalusia as they pounded out 22 hits en route to a 20-5 win, in a game that was stopped after four innings due to the lightning score.

Elba took advantage of an error

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